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NRC TO MEET WITH HONEYWELL OFFICIALS IN ILLINOIS ON MARCH 18 TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS SINCE DECEMBER EVENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials of Honeywell International on March 18 to discuss the company's efforts to improve operational safety performance and emergency preparedness since a December 22 release of uranium hexafluoride at the company's uranium processing plant near Metropolis, Illinois.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CST) and be held in the Second Floor Large Courtroom at the Massac County Courthouse at 1 Superman Square in Metropolis. The public is invited to observe and NRC staff members will be available to answer questions from members of the public before the close of the meeting.

The Honeywell plant's uranium hexafluoride production has been shut down since December. The NRC has asked the company to specifically address, during the March 18 meeting, the improvements made in areas needed to support restart of production. No decision on restarting the facility will be made by NRC officials at the meeting.

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